Health facilities in slums in Andhra Pradesh

1878. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have extended any help in cash or in kind to Andhra Pradesh for organizing medical check-up and for providing health facilities in the slums of the State;

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, whether Government propose to extend Central grant to the State for the purpose; and

(c) if not.the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) to (c) Health being a State subject under the Constitution of India, it is the responsibility of the respective State Government to provide necessary medical facilities according to the need and resources available with them. However, the Central Government is extending assistance to State Governments under various National Programmes as per the approved pattern of assistance.

Infectious diseases

1879. SHRI A. VIJAYA RAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned, "Spotlight on infectious diseases", which appeared in the Hindu, dated the 7th November, 2002;

(b) if so, the details of cases reported and the deaths caused by six infectious diseases *viz.,* pneumonia, tuberculosis, diarrhoea, malaria and measles for the last three years, category-wise, state-wise and year-wise;

(c) the action taken to control these diseases and funds allocated for the last three years, State-wise, category-wise and year-wise;

(d) whether Government are aware of deaths due to cholera/diarrhoea in Kerala during the last three months; and

(e) if so, the details of remedial measures initiated?